

Bridgwater Port Sanitary Authority.

ANNUAL REPORT for the Year 1920.

I have the honour to submit my Report on the work of the Bridgwater Port Sanitary Authority for the year ending 31st December, 1920. The Health conditions continue to be quite satisfactory, no cases of illness having been reported, and no deaths.

There have not been any arrivals from infected Ports and no special warnings issued.

Appended to this Report is that received from the Sanitary Inspector, on which I have no comment to make, but that a strict inspection has been made, on all Vessels suspected of being infested with rats, two vessels on which rats were found to exist being stoved.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

I have to report that during the year ending 31st December, 1920, the usual inspection of Vessels arriving within the jurisdiction of the Authority has been fully maintained, and I herewith submit the tables showing the number of vessels entering the Port and particulars of defects found.

I am able to report that the whole of the defects were abated previous to the vessels leaving Port.

TABLE No. 1.

Shewing the number of Vessels entering Port, the number of Inspections, and number of Sanitary Defects found.

| Month. | Vessels. | | | Inspections | | Defects. | | Total |
|-----------|----------|----------|--------|-------------|----------|----------|-------|-------|
| | British. | Foreign. | Total. | made. | British. | Foreign. | Total | |
| January | 72 | ... | 72 | 30 | 3 | ... | ... | 3 |
| February | 67 | ... | 67 | 29 | 3 | ... | ... | 3 |
| March | 75 | ... | 75 | 33 | 4 | ... | ... | 4 |
| April | 44 | ... | 44 | 17 | 1 | ... | ... | 1 |
| May | 42 | ... | 42 | 20 | 1 | ... | ... | 1 |
| June | 76 | ... | 76 | 35 | 3 | ... | ... | 3 |
| July | 60 | ... | 60 | 29 | 2 | ... | ... | 2 |
| August | 69 | 2 | 71 | 32 | 2 | ... | ... | 2 |
| September | 76 | 2 | 78 | 28 | ... | 3 | ... | 3 |
| October | 51 | 3 | 54 | 25 | ... | 5 | ... | 5 |
| November | 63 | 2 | 65 | 30 | 4 | 3 | ... | 7 |
| December | 53 | 4 | 57 | 31 | 2 | 1 | ... | 3 |
| Totals | 748 | 13 | 761 | 339 | 25 | 12 | ... | 37 |

TABLE No. 2.
Particulars of Defects found to exist.

| Nature of Defect. | Vessels. | | Total. |
|-----------------------------------|----------|---------|--------|
| | British. | Foreign | |
| Forecastle in Dirty Condition ... | 8 | 1 | 9 |
| „ Ventilator blocked ... | | 1 | 1 |
| „ Damp through leaky decks... | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| „ Verminous ... | 1 | | 1 |
| „ Gear and Chains in Locker | 1 | | 1 |
| Latrines in Dirty Condition | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| „ Want of Ventilation therein | 2 | | 2 |
| „ Stores kept therein | 1 | | 1 |
| Water, Bad Quality | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| „ Dirty Condition of Tanks | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| „ Tanks in need of Repair | 1 | | 1 |
| Vessel, Bilges in Dirty Condition | 1 | | 1 |
| „ Sank, required general overhaul | 1 | | 1 |
| „ Infested with Rats | 2 | | 2 |
| Totals ... | 25 | 12 | 37 |

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26th January, 1921.